

Oral Questions

within Items A to F of the "Role, Tasks and Methods of the RCMP Security Service."

I asked for that document to be tabled about a year or two ago. Now that we have Cabinet Directive 35, can we also have tabled the document entitled "Role, tasks and methods of the RCMP Security Service" so that we can be provided with full information with regard to these matters?

● (1420)

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, with reference to the hon. member's question in 1973, I will be pleased to review *Hansard* and find out exactly the context of that question and what reply was made at that time.

With reference to the publication of Cabinet Directive No. 35, as the hon. member knows, that document has been declassified for some time. I am thankful that now the hon. member has received a copy via the McDonald inquiry. In terms of his question with reference to the correspondence exchanged between General Dare and Mr. Bourne, I will be pleased to review that correspondence and make such reply as I deem appropriate in due course.

Mr. Nielsen: The Solicitor General very adroitly sidestepped the question as to whether he was willing to table the document entitled "Role, tasks and methods of the RCMP Security Service" which I asked to be tabled one or two years ago.

My next question is this. While Cabinet Directive 35 deals with criteria to be applied to security in the public service of Canada, it does not deal with the criteria to be applied to deputy ministers and heads of agencies to which the secretary to the cabinet, Mr. Robertson, directed his memorandum of December 27, 1963. I would expect that those criteria would at least apply to heads of agencies and deputy ministers. Can the minister inform the House whether he is prepared to table any document in existence describing the criteria that are applicable to heads of agencies, deputy ministers and, indeed, cabinet ministers with regard to security clearance?

Mr. Blais: Mr. Speaker, with reference to the documents related to the procedures in security clearance used by the RCMP, the hon. member knows full well that is a matter that comes within the terms of reference of the McDonald inquiry. Those documents have been made available to the McDonald inquiry for their study and subsequent report.

In terms of the applicability of the criteria under CD-35 to a deputy minister and senior heads, that is a matter that comes within the purview of the Prime Minister or the President of the Privy Council and therefore I will refer it to them for further information.

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EDUCATION**FUNDING OF PROGRAMS AT POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS**

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Canada's post-secondary

[Mr. Nielsen.]

institutions are entering into a serious decline, as illustrated by the fact that in the coming year student tuition fees in the maritime provinces will exceed \$1,000. It is now being

Will the minister consider the possibility of an early meeting with the Council of Ministers of Education to discuss what measures are necessary to ensure that Canada continues to have the efficient and progressive post-secondary education system which is so essential for any modern country?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I have been meeting with the Council of Ministers of Education for the past two years on this subject. One matter which they are very concerned about, and so am I, is the legislation which I presented for the reform of the Canadian student loans administration. I wish the hon. member could convince his colleagues to give speedy passage to that legislation, because it is members of his party who are preventing it from receiving speedy passage through the House.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, not many people involved with universities will believe that the question of loans is very important in the whole problem. There have been reports from almost every institution regarding the effect the shortage of funds is having on education, scientific research and library facilities.

Will the minister not only meet with the council of education ministers but consider meeting with the Association of Canadian Universities and Colleges and organizations representing the faculties which are so vitally concerned with the whole problem of university education?

● (1425)

Mr. Roberts: Unlike the hon. member, I do think the issue of student loans is a very important one and so do the members of each of the provincial governments which have been pressing this legislation on the House. I have met with all the bodies the hon. member has mentioned with the possible exception of the faculty members, with whom I would be pleased to meet at any time.

CONCERN ABOUT CUTBACKS IN EDUCATION

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): A supplementary to the Deputy Prime Minister. Last week, in Vancouver, the Prime Minister agreed to meet with the National Union of Students to discuss their concern about the effects of the cutbacks in education by the federal government.

Can the Deputy Prime Minister tell us whether the necessary arrangements have been made, or will be made, so that the representatives of the 400,000 students can make plans for the kind of meeting they hope to have with the Prime Minister?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council): I have not discussed the matter with the Prime Minister so I cannot really be helpful to